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Q.01 Numismatic evidences provide credible information (archeological evidence) about the empires of ancient India.

Role in understanding Political History

(1) The coins helps us to demarcate the political extent of the empire.

Eg: Gupta coins, Kushana coins spreads reveals their dominance

(2) The status of king can be traced from coins.

Eg: Coin showing performance of Ashwamedha Yagya shows Chakravartin status.

(3) Samanta status can be inferred from coins.

(4) Political victories can be known from commemorative coins

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Role in understanding economic history

(1) The economic strength of empire can be inferred by relative abundance and quality of coins.

(Eg) Gupta period was prosperous but later decline of coins indicate down fall in economic activity.

(2) Trade with foreign nation can be inferred through coins.

(Eg) Roman coins in Arikamedu highlight the ancient trade between south India and Roman empire.

Coins also highlight about religions learning, cultural learning of empire. The mentioned dates help to figure out chronology

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Q.02

India's independence movement also witnessed parallel efforts of women empowerment and also consequent their participation in national movement.

Women organisation played important role in this effort.

All India women conference was first organised in the Allahabad. It consisted mostly of women from relatively well of families and politically active families.

In Bengal women specific ~~shoi~~ schools led to participation of women in education but this was also limited to the women belonging

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to higher class.

Bethune school leads to women education and empowerment. Leaders like Sarogini Naidu, Annie Basent helped in mobilisation of women.

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Q.03

Post - 2nd world war era saw the dual process of wave of decolonisation and also rise of cold war rivalary resulting world divided into 2-groups.

In this context newly independent nations like India, Malasia, Egypt, Yougoslovakia etc aimed to maintained sovereignty and resist any colonial pressures.

This led to organisation Afro-Asian Bandung Conference in 1955 and formation of Non-Alignment Movement in 1961 in Belgrade.

NAM helped in raising a forceful voice, against declonisation and maintaining

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Strategic ~~autonomy~~ autonomy.
Together they act as agenda setter for global multi-lateral organisations and were able to resist the pressure ~~with~~ to align with any of the bloc.
Thus, newly independent nation were able to successfully navigate their independent foreign policy
India through this ~~Strategy~~ was able to secure help both from USA and USSR in its developmental efforts. Thus NAM was expression of aspirations for autonomy and independent foreign policy

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Q.04

Volcanism is the process of eruption of lava through a vent on the earth's surface.

Processes involved in volcanism

1) Slab pull of plates
2) Melting of plates margins
3) Ascent of magma along rising limb of convective current or breaking through weak zones as mantle plume
4) Expression on earth as fissure eruption or central eruption.

Major volcanic regions & tectonic settings:

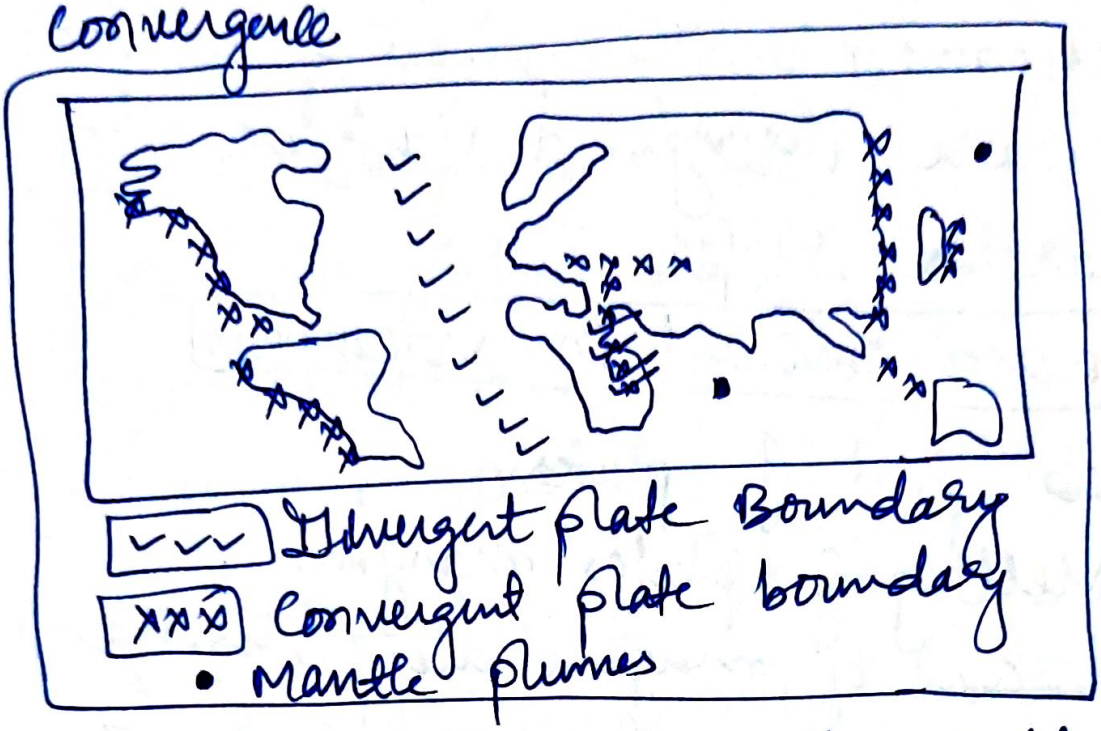
① Circum pacific Belt: It is form due to convergent plate boundaries.

The Eurasian & pacific plate convergen & Pacific plate & American plate

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Convergence



(2) Mid-Atlantic Belt - This Belt is due to divergent plate boundary due to divergence between Eurasian and African plate & American plates.

(3) Mid continental Belt: In Europe it is due to convergence of Eurasian & African plate; where as along African rift valley it is due to divergence of plate

Plate margins are hot bed for volcanic activity.

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Q.05

Eastern Ghats are old relict of fold mountains, formed due to plate collisions in past super-continent cycle.



Geological features of Eastern Ghats:

1. They are made up of ~~granite~~ igneous and metamorphic rocks.
2. They houses important minerals such as building materials, diamond mines etc.
3. They are not continuous (broken due to riverine erosion).
4. They are heavily eroded and lost their conical peaks.
5. Their heigh reduces from north to south.

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Economic significance

1. They are house of biodiversity, useful for traditional medicine system
2. Their forest support important wood based industries.
3. Livelihood of various tribal groups depend on them
4. They provide slope for ascent of monsoon winds, lead to rainfall which gave birth to rivulets providing water for irrigation.
5. The eroded rocks forms red soil in surrounding areas.
6. Important mining minerals also obtained.

Thus, they have significant geological and economic importance

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Q.06 Due to the presence of significant amount of micro-nutrients and other major nutrients like protein, iron and fibre, millets are known as nutri-cereals.

Ecological significance

1) They are highly resilient crops in the changing climate, have capacity to grow in low water extraction.

2) They require very less or negligible amount of added fertilisers.

3) They are well adopted to local conditions and resistant to pests as well

4) Their cropping will reduce emissions (due reduction of acrage of paddy)

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Nutritional significance

1) They are well adapted to dry land agriculture providing food security in such areas. Especially important when our irrigation coverage is not even to half of our Net sown Area

2) They have abundance of Iron, protein and other micro-nutrient thus helpful in reducing hidden hunger (micro-nutrient deficiency).

3) They will be helpful in fight against anemia.

4) Roughage keeps bowel movement in good shape leading to better nutrient absorption.

Thus, they are important for food security, nutrition security & climate security.

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Q.07 Due to global warming, the Arctic ice is melting and this phenomenon is hastened due to artic amplification.

Consequences on biodiversity and Ecosystem

(1) This will lead to sea level rise and coastal ecosystem will be negatively impacted.

(2) It will lead to salinity change in arctic ocean and steno-haline species will be facing crisis for survival.

(3) It will lead to reduce in the habitat of polar bear, a keystone species, thus negative consequence for arctic ecosystem and biodiversity.

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④ Arctic ocean temperature is teleconnected to world climate resulting impact on far away ecosystems as well.

Impact on global ecological balance

① Melting of artic ice and rise in arctic temperature is likely to slow down the Atlantic Overturning meridional circulation leading to negative impact on the global climate and ecosystem.

② This widespread changes will negatively impact global ecological balance.

① Melting ice will reduce albedo, leading positive climate forcing.

Thus, melting of ~~art~~ or Arctic ice have huge impact on ecological balance, ecosystems & biodiversity.

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Q.08

Uniform Civil code aim to have common civil laws on matters such as marriage, inheritance, divorce, adoption etc

Uniform Civil Codes contradicting idea of pluralism and cultural differences

Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will lead to similar laws on all religions, thus, it will end the diversity of personal law. Apparently, it looks in contradiction to AA 25 and AA 26 of constitution

UCC not contradictory to pluralism and cultural differences

(1) On surface it may appear contradictory but, in substance it eliminates inequality and promotes women empowerment. It is in line with

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constitutional aspirations and constitutional morality (Art. 44).

② UCC will not end any of the religious customs or religious practices.

③ All ceremonies will happen as be one's personal belief.

④ UCC will only end religious arbitrariness and ~~apply~~ give in effect to the Art. 14 & 15 of constitution in terms of gender and religious equality.

Thus, UCC does not

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Q.09

Concept of healthy active ageing means in the later years of life citizens are healthy, needing less medical care and even fit for contributing to economy

Demographic Shift and Healthy Active Ageing:

(1) By 2050, 20% of our population will be 60 years or more in age.

(2) We will be inching towards completion of demographic transition by 2050s and 2060s.

(3) In this context healthy active ageing will help in reaping 2nd demographic dividend benefits.

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④ Our expenditure on geriatric care will be reduced, which will result more productive investment in other areas.

Healthy active ageing & Social inclusion

① It will ensure that our elderly population lives dignified life.

② They will be included in community works and meaningful retirement due to healthy active ageing.

Thus, we must take care of our elders and promote healthy active ageing as the token of respect in building our nation and providing us all resources in our formative years.

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Q.10

Concious Consumption stands for consuming what is needed. It is against mindless consumption based on sustainability principles. On the other hand, Compulsive Consumption is about addiction to consumption or consumption to show one's material status.

Impact on family structure and dynamics in urban areas:

① Since, compulsive consumption is driven by one's impulses and to show off, it is costly on pockets.

② This leads to higher cost of living in urban areas.

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③ Higher cost of living leads to high cost to maintain joint family.

④ Thus, due to economic reasons, it is driving towards nuclearisation of family structure in urban areas.

⑤ It is also leading to culture of over consumption, thus creating unnecessary waste and putting pressure on limited resources.

⑥ It is also promoting credit culture (living on credit, loan, credit cards etc).

We should return to our values and adopt conciously consumptions to reduce our carbon foot prints.

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Q.11

Vijay nagara Empire was located in the area where there was overlapping influence of both Nagara-Style and Dravida-Style. This led to development of a fusion Style known as Vesara Style. Vijay nagara Architecture belong to Vesara Style.

Features of Vijay nagara Architecture

(1) Most impressive piece of architecture were temples.
Eg: Hampi temple complex, Vittala temple

(2) Temples have Sheds in front which act as market place.

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(3) Temple were built on Panchayatana style.

(4) Temple wall was present and there were temple tank in complex.

(5) Main temple was built on upraised platform.

(6) Vijaynagara temples are famous for musical pillars.

(7) The temple walls were beautified with sculptures.

Indo-Islamic elements in Vijaynagara architecture

(1) Due to nearby presence of Qutab Shahi dynasty and making of Indo-Islamic architecture,

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Some elements were found in Vijaynagar architecture also.

(2) The presence of temple tank could be traced to this impact apart from Dravidian impact.

(3) Arches and Mehrab were also present in some membes.

(4) Jali work to found in Vijay nagar architecture.

Vijaynagara architecture are our ~~Sanskrit~~ invaluable heritage, are part of World Heritage of UNESCO also.

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Q.12

Indian history boasts to have presence of world class universities like Nalanda and Takshashila, which attracts students from far away places.

Similarities

Ancient Indian Universities	Modern Indian Universities
Nalanda, Takshila are important examples.	IITs, IIMs, Central and State Universities + Private universities
Provide Secular education	Provide secular education
~~Attract~~ Students from abroad	Attract Student from abroad
Residential campus	Many have residential campus

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Differences

Ancient Indian Universities	Modern Indian Universities
World class and world leader in education category	We lag on this aspect
Secular + Religious education	Only secular education
Nalanda was fully residential	All are not fully residential
Own land and villages, hence generate self sufficing level of revenue	Not able to generate self sufficing level of revenue
Only elite sections had access	More inclusive, all have access.
Attacked by rival kings	No such incident

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Lessons for Modern Universities:

(1) Modern universities can learn to generate self sufficing level of revenue, so less dependence on State support

(2) Attack foreign teaches and students for global learning environment

(3) Imparting knowledge that is relevent to today's times.

(4) Having fully residential campus.

(5) Foster culture of excellence

There is so much to learn from our glorious universities, so that we can compare from where we are and achieve excellence on world.

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Q.13 Indian freedom Struggle have contributions from numerous ideologies and personalities, but two most contrasting one were Gandhian ideology and revolutionary movement

Differences

Gandhian Non violent struggle	Revolutionary Movement
(1) Firm belief on non-violence	(1) Advocate use of force and violence against evil
(2) Belief on mass Struggle and capacity on masses	(2) Initially, emphasised on heroic action to awaken masses
(3) Aims for ~~slow~~ ~~fast~~ gradual change	(3) Aims for quick change of regime

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(4) Guide by Sarvodaya principle	(4) Guided by marxist and socialist ideology
(5) Guided by wisdom	(6) Guided by youth enthusiasm

Similarities

(1) Both aimed for independence of India.

(2) Both aimed for egalitarian and democratic system post independence

(3) Later revolutionary like Bhagat Singh realised the importance of mass struggle, as Gandhian method was following.

Influence of Revolutionary on Gandhian methods

(1) During Gandhi-Irwin pact,

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Gandhi demanded for release of Bhagat Singh and his friends.

(2) Gandhi abstained from criticising violence during Quit India movement.

Influence of Gandhian ideology on revolutionaries

Later, Bhagat Singh wrote about importance of mass struggle and limitations of individual heroic action.

He advocated revolution is only possible when masses are ready and participate into it.

Thus, despite being contradictory ideologies, both aimed for similar goals and were in a way complimentary to each other in freedom struggle.

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Q.14

Himalays forms loftiest mountains in the world. Thus, despite being located near to tropics they harbour year round glaciers resulting glacial landforms also.

Glacial landforms in Indian Himalays

(1) **U-Shaped valley**:- This can be seen in the valleys of Bhagirathi and Alaknanda

(2) ~~Area~~ **Aretes**: They are found in Karakoram, Zanskar and Ladakh ranges. Also in greater Himalayas

(3) **Cols**: These are sharp mountain peaks. Eg. Indira Col

(4) **Moraines**: Depositional features associated with glaciers.

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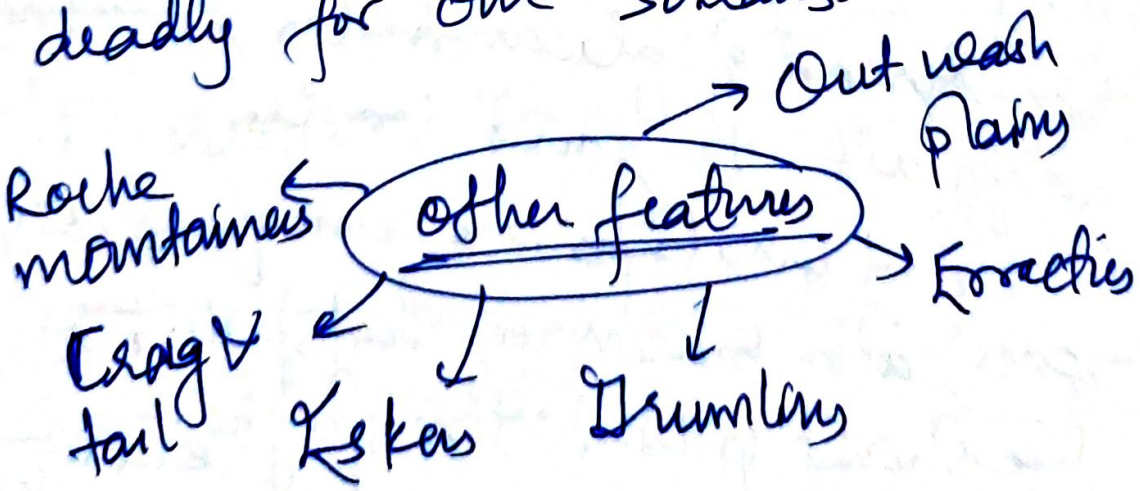
Terminal moraines dam glacial water led to formation of glacial lakes.

(5) Tarns Lakes are found when glaciers melts & recedes Eg: Chandra Tal in Himachal Pradesh

(6) Nunatak is found in greater and trans-himalayas.

(7) ~~Gorges and Canyons by antecedent~~

(7) Cirques and Bergschrund in Siachen is common. Sometimes deadly for our soldiers.



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Impact on local ecosystem & human activities:

(1) They are source of water for humans. Eg: Glacial and Tarn lakes.

(2) Tourism is promoted.

(3) Peculiar ecosystem developed due to glaciers. Eg: Flowering for short summer time, when glaciers melts.

(4) Species specially adapted to such ecosystems
Eg: Rodendrons, Snow leopard etc

(5) Spread of glacier makes sometimes difficult to guard borders.

Himalayas are unique ecosyst-ems, also biodiversity hotspot. We should protect this fragile ecology

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Q.15

Indian ocean is uniquely situated ocean due to ~~that~~ being enclosed by landmass from the north.

Unique Geographical features of Indian Ocean:

(1) The mid oceanic ridge is not continuous & symmetrical as in Atlantic ocean.

(2) Temperature of Indian ocean is slightly higher than other oceans (especially northern Indian ocean).

(3) The circulation of ocean current in northern Indian ocean reverse (clock wise to anti-clock wise) due to changing direction of monsoon winds.

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(4) It has unique phenomenon of Indian Ocean dipole.

(5) Its littoral areas house crude oil reserves.

(6) It marginal sea (Red sea) has above average salinity.

(7) It has huges deposits of polymetallic nodules on its ocean bed.

Impact on Global Oceanic Circulation pattern:

(1) Northern Indian Ocean witnesses season reversal of oceanic circulation.

(2) It is part of global thermo-haline circulation which flow in lower oceanic layers from southern tip of Africa towards Central Indian ocean, where it rises as at surface & and

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joins the surface component coming from pacific ocean.

Impact on climate of Indian Subcontinent:

(1) Due to being enclosed from north, and located in tropics, the shifting of trade winds belt and ITCZ results unique monsoon climate.

(2) Due to higher sea surface temperature, this also acts one origin place of frequent tropical cyclones.

(3) Indian ocean dipole also impacts rainfall pattern.

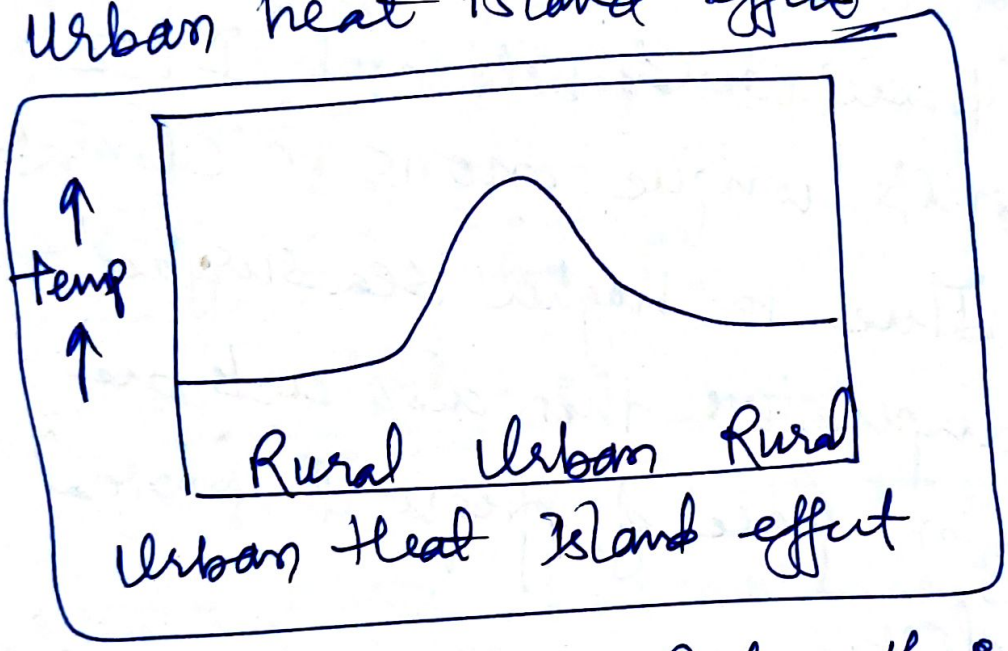
Apart from geographical impact, it leads to strategic role as well for India due to locational advantage.

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Q.16

Urban heat Island effect means excessively high temperature of urban areas than surroundings. When Isotherm map is plotted, it looks like island bulge over urban areas hence, known as Urban heat island effect



Urban Heat Island effect

In recent times, coupled with increasing builtup area along with global warming and reducing urban water bodies, it has been exacerbated.

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Factor behind Urban Heat Islands

(1) Concrete builtup area absorb large amount of heat, which release at night.
(2) Glass building reduces albedo
(3) Black and dark colour structures again exacerbate the issue
(4) Reduced greenary and wetlands.
(5) Global warming (each successive year we are witnessing hotest summer).
(6) Reduced and erratic monsoon (thus reduced temperature bringing down factors).
(8) Non-transparent city atmosphere (contributing to green-house effect).

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Mitigation Strategies	Evaluation of Strategies
(1) Focus on urban forestry	(1) Not done adequately
(2) Sustainable building codes	(2) Not properly enforced
(3) Smart city mission	(3) Not much much impact on heat issue
(4) Revival of wetlands	(4) Not successful, rather enchrochment continues
(5) Heat Action Plans Eg: Ahemedabad	(5) Not adopted by most cities

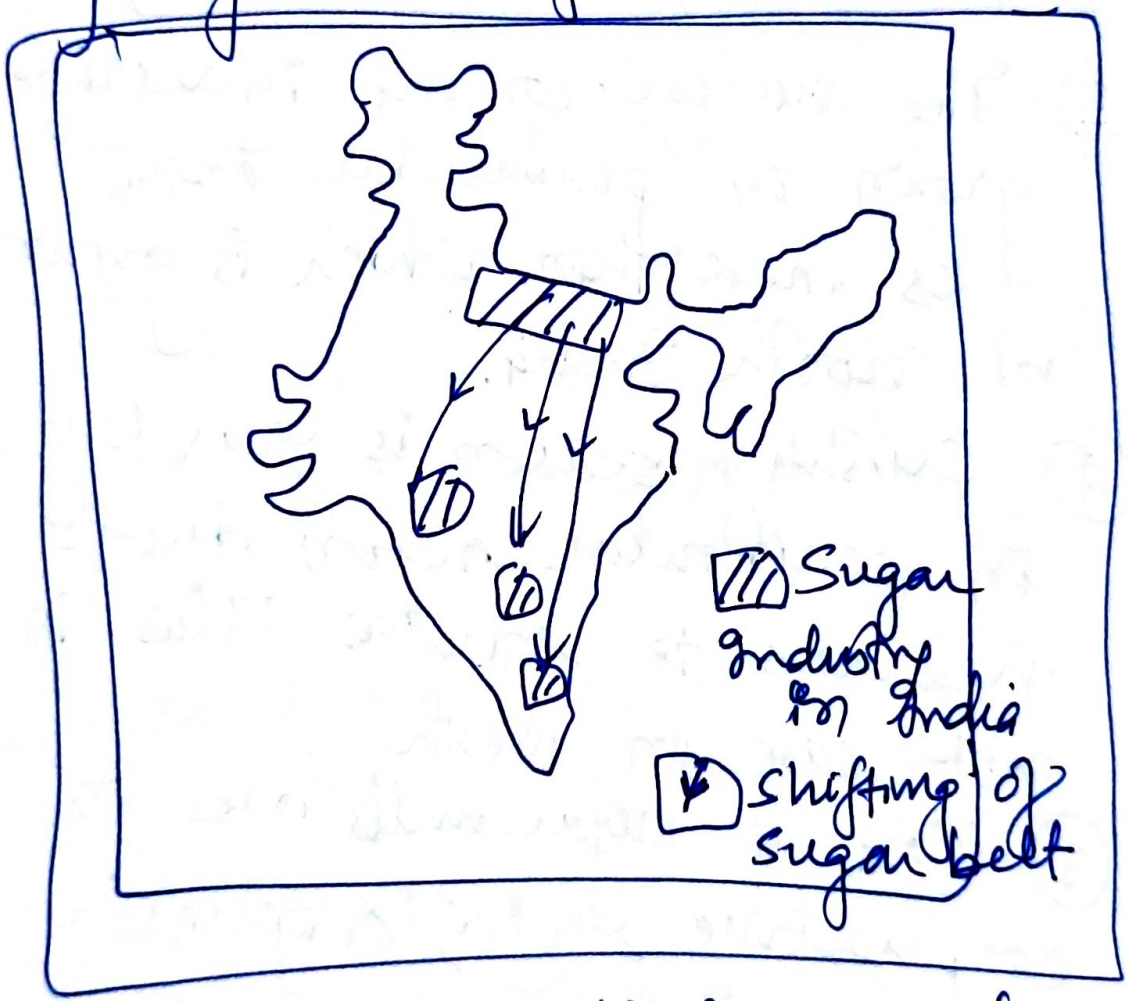
It will have severe health impact in future. There is need to ~~adopt~~ take mitigative and adoptive measures in time.

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Q.17

Sugar industry is primarily located due to presence of raw material, which is ~~factor~~ in turn impacted by agro-ecological conditions.



In India, sugar primary zone is Terai region of northern plains, but now shifting to southern India in Maharashtra, North Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

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Now productivity of sugarcane & sugar industry is higher in Southern India.

Contributing factors of disparity

(1) The sucrose content in variety grown in peninsular India is more than which is grown in north India.

(2) Crushing season is year long in peninsular region due to nearness to equator. This is not case in North

(3) Most of sugar mills are in cooperative sector, cooperative movement is strong in south

(4) Due to higher urbanisation & port nearness, export potential is also high, thus high demand

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(5) In north sugar faces competition from local items such as gud & khandseli etc.

Measures to reduce surplus sugar production

(1) Export should be allowed (predictable export policy).

(2) Excess sugar and sugar cane could be diverted to the ethanol production.

(3) Reduced acreage of sugar cane production and growing only in agro-ecologically suited areas, where there is not any water availability issues.

With proper strategy sugar cane sector not only generate jobs but bring forex through trade

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Q.18

According to Ansen Dumont, in the societies where social mobility and social capillarity exists, there is more equalising tendency. Hence it is pre-requisite to ensure social equality in India.

Barriers to intergenerational mobility

(1) Rigid caste system - makes it difficult to escape the lower social ladder.

(2) Limited scope for economic mobility for masses due to ~~subsistence~~ education access and limited skilling. Thus, it makes it difficult to class mobility also

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(3) Due to patriarchal values, women talent is not recognised and women as gender has inferior status.

(4) Even the element of colourism exists in India. Fair colour is sought over dark colour.

(5) Occupational stigma do not let open opportunities in other spheres. Eg: Difficult to sanitation worker to quit it and start a restaurant (due to purity and pollution concept, people will not eat there).

(6) Limited entrepreneurial culture in India.

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Role of Education in Social Mobility

(1) Education capital led to access to social and economic capital. This enables social mobility.

(2) Education enable to access jobs at higher levels (Group-I jobs, top jobs in private sector), this lead to social mobility.

(3) Education also makes one aware of opportunities and enhances our capabilities to avail them.

Thus, education plays crucial role in social mobility.

To realise the dream of equality of our constitution we have to dismantle discriminatory social structures like Caste, and evolve into egalitarian society.

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Q.19

Globalisation is increasing inter-connectedness ~~due to~~ with rest of world due to socio-economic and cultural flows.

Migration is change in one address due to moving from one place to another, thus resulting change in community affiliations.

Influence of Globalisation on Migration patterns:

1. Enhanced rural to urban migration.
2. Enhanced international out migration.
3. Change in destination of migration. Now to ~~UAE~~ USA, West Europe, Japan, Singapore, Australia etc

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(4) Migration for education has increased (both internal and external).

(5) Women also form significant chunk of ~~migration~~ migrants.

Implication of increased internal migration

Economic Impact

(1) Destination region get skill workforce

(2) Source region get monetary flow, but loss of workforce

(3) Increased economic activity in destination

Social Impact

(1) Reduced sex ratio in destination and increase in source region due to sex selective migration.

(2) Feeling of alienation to migrant

(3) Cultural exchange among regions

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Implications of International migration

Economic Impact

1. Destination country gets skilled workforce
2. Increased tax revenue for destination country
3. Source country will get remittances, but witness brain drain in case of developing nation

Social Impact

1. Cultural exchange resulting Mcdonaldisation, Hybridisation and Glocalisation
2. Ethnic conflict in destination due to cultural difference
3. Placelessness & discrimination to migrant

Globalisation induced enhanced migration have both positive and negative implications. We must come with policy to reduce negative as globalisation is going to stay.

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Q.20

In, Gender Inequality Index and Global Gender Gap report, India ranks above 130 among world nations. This highlights the prevailing ~~~~ patriarchal values and lack of women empowerment

Gender based violence as manifestation of patriarchal values:

(1) There is internalisation of patriarchy among women, and they accept husband beating women as fair and nothing wrong in it.

(2) In the name of saving family respect, honour killing is common.

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(3) When any heinous crime happen against women, they are blamed for coming out at night, wearing provocative clothing etc

(4) Women are considered not fit for certain tasks are forced to be limited to home sphere. There division of outside ~~food~~ Inside division of work.

Role of modern law in women empowerment:

(1) It has given confidence to women and they are coming and asserting their rights.

(2) Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace Act protects womens dignity at work place

(3) Domestic violence Act ~~act~~ acts

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as deterrance against violence in home.

④ Dowry prohibition act has reduced dowry related death and harassment

Thus, to a large extent modern laws protects and empowers women but recent NCRB repost high lights still large number of crimes happen against women

Hence, there is need to strict enforcement of these laws to ensure proper deterrent effect Along with this there is attitudinal change in society to ensure true women empowerment